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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 1999, please cancel claims 29 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, please amend various other claims as indicated herein below.

1. (Amended) A method for managing a document collection in a computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

importing a document having a first format into a collection of documents in the computer system, wherein the collection of documents is organized within the computer system in accordance with a hierarchy of electronic folders;

storing the document in a memory location;

automatically extracting attribute data from the document; [and]

generating a data structure for the document, wherein said data structure contains the attribute data in a second format independent of said first format, and wherein said data structure is stored and maintained in memory separate from the imported document; and

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